

General Instructions for Qualified Applicator License Applicants
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A Qualified Applicator Licensee is a person who has been qualified by examination in the appropriate pest control category(ies) necessary to supervise the pest control operations of a licensed pest control business. In order to obtain this license, the applicant must pass the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination and at least one pest control category. This licensee will be using or supervising the use of a restricted use pesticide or any other pesticide, or the use of certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests for the business. A person with this license possessing the Maintenance Gardener Category Q or the Landscape Maintenance Category B can also supervise the incidental pest control operations of a licensed Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business.

Note: An initial applicant is classified as a “new applicant” if he/she fails to obtain a license (i.e., fails to pass the *Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination and at least one Pest Control Category Examination*) within one year of the first scheduled exam as a new applicant. A new application fee of \$40.00 is required. Eligible scores are valid for one year from the date the examination(s) is passed.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has established time periods for processing permit applications, in compliance with Government Code Sections 15374-15378. DPR may take up to 100 days to complete the processing of this application. Failure to comply with these time periods may be appealed to the Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2828, pursuant to regulations set forth in Title 3, California Code of Regulations (3CCR), Section 301. Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may order that the applicant receive a reimbursement of filing fees.

Application Completion Instructions

The following instructions will help you complete this application:

- A. Application Type.** Check one or more of the boxes in this section. (1) If you are a new applicant, check the “new Application” box. The \$40.00 fee for new applicants includes the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Exam and one pest control category exam; as a new applicant, you must sign up for the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Exam and at least one pest control category exam. (2) If you are adding pest control categories, check the “Adding Pest Control Categories” box. (3) If you are retaking an exam you failed, check the “Reexamination” box. (4) If you are changing your name or address, check the “Name and/or Address Change” box. (5) If you are making any other type of change, check the “Other” box and specify the type of change.

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- B. Applicant Information.** Enter your name, Qualified Applicator License or identification number (except new applicants), address, work and home telephone numbers, Social Security Number, employment type, and employer's name. (**Note:** The Department utilizes your Social Security Number as an alternate source of applicant identification. Providing your Social Security Number is strictly voluntary in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 [PL 93-579]. This is not public information and will not appear on any publication, etc., produced or distributed by the Department.)
- C. Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination.** If you have passed the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Exam within one year or have a current Pest Control Adviser License, Apprentice Pilot Certificate, or Journeyman Pilot Certificate, check the "Exempt" box. To qualify for this exemption you must enter the number from your current license or certificate. (A \$40.00 new application fee is still required.)
- D. Pest Control Category Examinations.** Indicate what pest control category examinations you are taking by checking one or more boxes. Due to the number of examinations being given, **do not** schedule more than four (4) examinations per examination location (this includes the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination).
- E. Examination Schedule.** (See attached [Examination Schedule](#) for additional instructions.) The Examination Schedule gives the approximate location, schedule, and final filing dates. If you are requesting to take the examination(s) at a specific place and time, your application must be postmarked by the final filing date.
- F. New Applicant Examination Fees.** If you are applying for a Qualified Applicator License for the first time, the New Applicant Examination Fee of \$40.00 is required. As a new applicant, you must sign-up for the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination and *at least* one pest control category examination; you are allowed to schedule up to three pest control category examinations. Application fees are non-refundable.

EXAMPLE: EXAMINATION MONTH: January, SITE: Sacramento

Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles Examination and one category examination	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$40.00

- G. Reexamination and Adding Category(ies) Examination Fees.** *Applicant, please **do not** schedule more than four (4) examinations, per exam location because of time constraints.*

EXAMINATION FEE STRUCTURE BELOW APPLIES TO:

Applicants, who have or do not have a Qualified Applicator License but want to:

1. Reschedule any examination(s) because the applicant failed to obtain the minimum passing score of 70%. This includes the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles examination or any category examination;

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2. Reschedule any examination(s) because the applicant failed to appear for the scheduled examination(s). This includes the Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles examination or any category examination;
3. Adding additional category examinations not covered by the initial application fee.
4. Schedule an examination(s) to add category(ies) to an existing license.

Examination Fee Structure: If you request to take an examination(s) in any or all of the situations described above, the following fee(s) apply:

One examination	\$15.00
Two examinations	\$25.00
Three Examinations	\$30.00
Four Examinations	\$35.00

H. Read Before Signing.

I. Declaration/Signature Block. Sign and date your application. Make check or money order payable to Cashier, Department of Pesticide Regulation and mail to: Cashier, Department of Pesticide Regulation, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015.

INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY NAME AND/OR ADDRESS CHANGE.** Every licensee must immediately notify the Licensing and Certification Program **in writing** of any change in name, address, business organization, or any other matter shown on the application. Legal documents will be required in order to make a name change. NO FEE is required for a name and/or address change or card replacement of a license. Submit to: Department of Pesticide Regulation, Pest Management and Licensing Branch, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015.
2. **SECOND YEAR FEE NOTICE.** If your examination results indicate you have passed the required examination to receive a valid license, you may receive a **Second Year Fee Notice**. This notice will inform you that you are in the two-year license cycle; an additional second year fee will be required prior to issuing your license.

Qualified Applicator License Pest Control Categories

This document is intended to provide general information to help applicators identify the most appropriate category for the type of pest control *for hire* they will be performing or supervising. (Note: To qualify for a Pest Control Business License issued by the Department of Pesticide Regulation [DPR], the applicant must have a Qualified Applicator License or employ a person that has a Qualified Applicator License.) Questions about these pest control categories can be directed in writing to the Pest Management and Licensing Branch, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015; or call (916) 445-4038.

The following pest control categories apply to the Qualified Applicator License:

A. Residential, Industrial and Institutional. This category allows a person involved in the business of pest control for hire, under a Pest Control Business License issued by DPR, to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in the following situations.

- Post harvest treatment of agricultural commodities.
- Treatment of stored agricultural commodities.
- Treatment of nonlandscaped outdoor areas directly related to the operation of buildings or facilities (e.g., storage yards, tank farms, electrical substations).
- Sanitizing potable lines, dairy milk lines, and other similar areas.
- Bird Control on structure, (Contact DPR's Pest Management and Licensing Branch, licensing and certification program for more information).

There may be other situations that fall under this limited scope. Contact the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Pest Management and Licensing Branch, Licensing and Certification Program for more information.

NOTE: *Structural pest control for hire is **not** allowed under this pest control category. Structural pest control involves the control of pests which may invade houses or other structures. A business involved in structural pest control for hire is licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Structural Pest Control Board. For more information, write to the Structural Pest Control Board, 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 3, Sacramento, California 95825-3280; or call (916) 263-2544.*

A person who is **not** in the business of pest control or structural pest control for hire, may utilize this pest control category to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide to control pests in the following situations:

- On their own property or employer's or at their employer's establishment or property.
- Human dwellings (e.g., homeowner).
- Industrial establishments (e.g., packing plants, food manufacturing and processing plants, warehouses, grain elevators, and factories).
- Institutions (e.g., schools, hospitals, and office buildings).
- Nonlandscaped outdoor areas directly related to the operation of the buildings or facilities (e.g., storage yards, tank farms, electrical substations).

This category does not cover the use of pesticides for landscape maintenance. Landscape maintenance is covered under the scope of Category B – Landscape Maintenance.

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B. Landscape Maintenance. This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices, to control pests in natural or planted ornamental and turf landscaped areas and other outside areas around buildings. Typical areas included in this category are residential yards (including home gardens and orchards), recreation areas, school yards, vacant lots, storage yards, cemeteries, greenbelts, and other similar sites. It also includes landscaped street medians and sidewalk areas, and areas such as walkways and parking lots directly related to landscaped areas. In addition, this category covers landscaped areas in enclosed shopping malls and indoor plants. *This category does not include direct application to running or standing water.*

NOTE: Maintenance Gardeners who apply any pesticide (restricted use and/or general use) incidental to their gardening business must obtain a Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License (PR-PML-004) (Est. 9/01). To qualify for the business license, the gardener or his employee needs a Qualified Applicator Certificate or Qualified Applicator License with the Landscape Maintenance Pest Control Category (B) or Maintenance Gardener Category (Q). This business license limits the gardener to incidental pest control in ornamental and turf planting indoors and outdoors in areas such as golf courses, cemeteries, parks, etc., commercial parks, or surrounding structures. The Department considers “commercial parks” and “surrounding structures” to mean the following:

1. A “commercial park” is a tract of land where several commercial establishments (e.g., stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, factories) are located. Business parks, office parks, and shopping centers or malls are considered commercial parks.
2. Plantings “surrounding structures” are ornamental and turf plantings that are incidental to and placed near or close to structures such as buildings, brick walls, fountains, fences, statues, etc.

C. Right-of-Way. This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in the maintenance of landscaped right-of-way areas, roads, highways, power lines, telephone lines, pipelines, canals, railroads or other similar sites. *This category does not include direct application to running or standing water.*

D. Plant Agriculture. This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in the production of food, feed, fiber or ornamental crops as well as on grasslands and noncrop agricultural areas. *Except for applications to rice and similar crops grown in wet or flooded fields, this category does not cover applications to running or standing water.*

E. Forest. This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in forest, forest nurseries and forest seed-producing areas. *This category does not include direct applications to running or standing water.*

F. Aquatic. This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in or on standing or running

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water. This category does not include the use of restricted use pesticides for Health Related, or Sewer Line Root pest control purposes.

- G. Regulatory.** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices in official government programs for the control of regulated pests.
- H. Seed Treatment.** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to protect seed for planting.
- I. Animal Agriculture.** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests on animals and the facilities in which the animals are confined.
- J. Demonstration and Research.** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of a restricted use pesticide and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices when demonstrating proper application techniques or conducting field research. This category is not required of applicators who demonstrate proper techniques provided they hold all specific categories covering the type of pest control being performed.
- K. Health Related.** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices in official programs for the management and control of pests having medical and public health importance.
- L. Wood Preservation (Subcategory of A and C).** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or other pesticide, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests that damage wood. This category includes wood preservation application within the scope of Residential, Industrial and Institutional, and Right-of-Way pest control categories.
- M. Antifouling Paints or Coatings Containing Tributyltin (Subcategory of A).** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of antifouling paints or coatings containing Tributyltin to control the growth of aquatic organisms on the hulls of ships.
- NOTE:** California law allows the use of this pesticide *only* on aluminum vessel hulls, commercial or recreational vessel hulls 82 feet or more in length, and on outboard motors and lower drive units.
- N. Sewer Line Root Control (Subcategory of A).** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticides, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control roots in the sewer lines.
- Q. Maintenance Gardener (Subcategory of B).** This category allows a person to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides and/or any other pesticides, or certain substances, methods, or devices to control pests in landscape for hire only under the scope of a maintenance gardener pest control business license. Persons possessing only Category Q and working under a valid maintenance gardener pest control business license have an 8 hour continuing education requirement (includes two hours of laws and regulations every two years. *This category does not include direct application to running or standing water.*

**Qualified Applicator License
Suggested Study Material Source List
(Please retain for your information)**

The purpose of this list is to provide you with reference material to help you prepare for the Qualified Applicator License examination. Please keep this listing for future reference. Suggested study material for the Laws and Regulations Exam, and each Pest Control Category Exam is listed below. **Instructions on how to order the publications can be found in the footnotes on page 11.** You are not required to purchase any of the suggested study material. Prices are current until 6/30/02; thereafter, prices are subject to change.

Laws, Regulations and Basic Principles, and All Categories (A through N)

1. The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides (Sale Publication #3324, \$32.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
2. The Illustrated Guide to Pesticide Safety - Instructor's Edition (University of California Sale Publication #21489, \$4.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
3. Laws and Regulations Study Guide (2001 Edition) (Sale Publication #626, \$15.00, tax included, make check payable to: Cashier, Department of Pesticide Regulation). ² The publication is also available to view and/or download from our web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov.

A. Residential, Industrial and Institutional

1. Standards for Approved Fumigation Facilities (Q.C. Circular #218 – Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the applications and fees.)
2. Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control (University of California Sale Publication #3334, \$25.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).
3. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00). ³
4. Weeds of the West (5th Edition, 1996 University of California) (University of California Sale Publication #3350, \$35.00 plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
5. Principles of Weed Control in California (Rev. 1989), available at most libraries.

B. Landscape Maintenance

1. Turfgrass Pest Management Guidelines (University of California Sale Publication #3365T, \$5.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
2. Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs (University of California Sale Publication #3359, \$35.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
3. Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes (University of California Sale Publication #21385, \$15.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
4. Plant Growth Regulators (University of California Sale Publication #4047, \$4.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
5. Turfgrass Pests (University of California Sale Publication #4053, \$20.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
6. Mushroom in Lawns and Landscape (University of California Sale Publication #21050, \$1.50, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹

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C. Right-of-Way

1. Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control (University of California Sale Publication #3336, \$30.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
2. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00).³
3. Weeds of the West (University of California Sale Publication #3350, \$35.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
4. Principles of Weed Control in California (Rev. 1989), available at most libraries.
5. The Grower's Weed Identification Handbook (University of California Sale Publication #4030, \$85.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹

D. Plant Agriculture

1. Standards for Approved Fumigation Facilities (Q.C. Circular #218 – Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.)
2. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00).³
3. Defoliation and Other Harvest Aids Practices (University of California Sale Publication #4043, \$3.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
4. Plant Growth Regulators (University of California Sale Publication #4047 [Rev. 1988], \$4.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
5. Weeds of the West (University of California Sale Publication #3350, \$35.00 plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
6. The Grower's Weed Identification Handbook (University of California Sale Publication #4030 \$85.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹
7. Herbicide Handbook of the Weed Science Society of America (7th Edition) Authored and Published by the Weed Science Society of America (Sale Publication Price - \$35.00 – ISBN: 0911733132). This publication can be purchased through the Internet at <www.amazon.com> and bookstores. This book may be available at libraries.
8. Protect Yourself from Pesticides Guide for Agricultural Workers (U.S. EPA publication #735-B-93-002) (This publication will be sent by the Department of Pesticide Regulation to all applicants testing in this category upon receipt and processing of the applications and fees).

E. Forest

1. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00).³
2. Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control (University of California Sale publication #3336, \$30.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling).¹

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F. Aquatic

1. Aquatic Pest Control (University of California Sale Publication #3337, \$25.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
2. An Assessment of the Use of Chemical Fish Toxicants in California (Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.)

G. Regulatory

1. Phytonematology Study Guide (University of California Sale Publication #4045 [Rev. 1985], \$5.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
2. Plant Growth Regulators (University of California Sale Publication #4047 [Rev. 1988], \$4.50, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
3. Plant Industry Food and Agricultural Code Extracts (Sale Publication #475, \$9.00). ³
4. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00). ³
5. An Assessment of the Use of Chemical Fish Toxicants in California (Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.)
6. Common Parasites and Pest of Livestock and Poultry in California by Edmond C. Loomis (Sale Publication, \$8.00 tax included). ²
7. Standards for Approved Fumigation Facilities (Q.C. Circular #218 – Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.)
8. Quarantine Commissioner's Circular and Plant Quarantine Manual Available for review from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office or the California Department of Food and Agriculture Pest Detection headquarters and district offices.
9. Commissioner-Department Memoranda of Understanding on Control of Injurious Field Rodents Available from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Pest Control, 1220 N Street, Room A357, Sacramento, California 95814.
10. Weed's of the West (University of California Sale Publication #3350, \$35.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
11. The Grower's Weed Identification Handbook (University of California Sale Publication #4030 [Rev. 1992], \$85.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
12. Herbicide Handbook of the Weed Science Society of America (7th Edition) Authored by the Weed Science Society of America (Sale Publication Price - \$35.00 – ISBN: 0911733132). This publication can be purchased through the Internet at www.amazon.com and book stores. This book may be available at libraries.

H. Seed Treatment

1. Seed Treatment (Leaflet #2966, \$1.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹

I. Animal Agriculture

1. Common Parasites and Pest of Livestock and Poultry in California by Edmond C. Loomis (Sale Publication, \$8.00 tax included). Make check payable to the Cashier, Department of Pesticide Regulation. ²
2. Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook (Sale Publication #410, \$20.00). ³

J. Demonstration and Research

1. Research Authorization Program. (Will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.)

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2. Any textbook dealing with experimental design and statistical procedures.

K. Health Related

1. Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control (University of California Sale Publication #3334, \$25.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹
2. Any textbook dealing with community pests and related vector control.

L. Wood Preservation (Subcategory of A and C)

1. Wood Preservation (University of California Sale Publication #3335 [Est. 1992], \$15.00, plus 8.25% State sales tax & postage and handling). ¹

M. Antifouling points or coatings containing Tributyltin (subcategory of A)

1. Tributyltin (TBT) Regulations – Title 3, Chapter 6, Subchapter 2, Group 4, Article 1 .This publication will be sent to all applicants upon receipt and processing of the application and fees.
2. Certification Training for Safe Handling and Use of Antifouling Paints Containing TBT (Sale Publication, \$8.00). ²

N. Sewer Line Root Control (Subcategory of A)

1. Sewer Line Pest Control (Sale publication, \$10.00) ²

Q. Maintenance Gardener (Subcategory B). See study guides under Category B.

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Footnotes: Such as ¹ and ², after the study material listed, designates the name and address where the above publications can be ordered. See the footnotes below.

1. This publication can be ordered by writing or calling one of the following locations: Publication, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, 6701 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California 94608-1239, or call 1-800-994-8849 (within California) or (510) 642-2431 or online at <<http://www.anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>>; Agricultural Information Publications, University of California, Davis, California 95616, or call (530) 757-8930, or the local County Farm Advisor's Office (University of California Cooperative Extension). Make check or money order payable to: The Regents of the University of California; or by telephone using your credit card. California customers add 8.25% sales tax to the Merchandise Total; for shipping and handling, see Shipping Table below. Orders from other States, DO NOT add sales tax; for shipping and handling charges, see the Shipping Table below. Expect delivery of publication orders within 2 weeks of ordering.

Shipping Table (to U.S. Addresses)

Merchandise Total	Shipping Charge
\$1 - \$4.99	\$1
\$5 - \$9.99	\$2
\$10 - \$19.99	\$3
\$20 - \$29.99	\$4
\$30 - \$39.99	\$5
\$40 - \$49.99	\$6
\$50 - \$79.99	\$7
\$80 - \$99.99	\$8
\$100 and more	\$10

All packages are sent either U.S. Postal Service 1st Class or UPS Ground. To arrange overnight or a second-day delivery, call 1-800-994-8849.

2. This publication can be ordered from the Department of Pesticide Regulation, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015. Please make check or money order payable to the Cashier, Department of Pesticide Regulation State sales tax is already included.
3. This publication can be ordered by writing to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, P.O. Box 942872, Sacramento, California 94271-2872. Please make check or money order payable to the Cashier, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION FACT SHEET

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Department of Pesticide Regulation

Pest Management and Licensing Branch

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95814-2828

Phone: (916) 445-4038

Who Needs It?

Any person who supervises the pesticide application (restricted use and/or general use) made by a licensed Pest Control Business and is responsible for the safe and legal operation of the pest control business (FAC Sections 11701-11709); or Any person who uses or supervises the use of federally restricted use pesticide or state restricted material for any purpose or on any property other than that provided by the definition of “private applicator” (3CCR Section 6000).

What’s Required?

- Submit an application fee of \$40.00 (FAC section 12201)
- Pass the Laws and Regulations Examination and at least one pest control category examination. The pest control categories available under this license are as follows:

- A. Residential, Industrial, and Institutional
- B. Landscape Maintenance
- C. Right-of-Way
- D. Plant Agriculture
- E. Forest
- F. Aquatic
- G. Regulatory
- H. Seed Treatment
- I. Animal Agriculture
- J. Demonstration and Research
- K. Health Related
- L. Wood Preservative (Subcategories of A and/or C)
- M. Tributyltin (see QAC)
- N. Sewer Line Root Control (Subcategory of A)
- Q. Maintenance Gardener (Subcategory of B)

Additional Requirements!

- Accumulate at least 20 hours of approved continuing education every two years before license renewal. Four of the 20 hours must cover the topic of pesticide laws and regulations (3CCR section 6511).
- QAL holders who have only the Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Category (Category Q) and who currently owns or is employed by a valid licensed Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License, only need eight hours of approved continuing education. Two of the eight hours must cover the topic of pesticides and pest control laws and regulations.

References: Food and Agricultural Code Sections 11701.5, 12201 – 12205 and
Title 3, California Code of Regulations Section 6000